# The Gatekeeper

*The offical newsletter of the*

# Barony of Unser Hafen

# November 2024

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# Baronial Bite

Greetings unto the Barony,

Another Crown Tournament has come and passed. The new Heirs to the Outlands Throne are His Highness Zachariah de Kane and Her Highness Mariana Vivia de Santiago. They reside in al-Barran. Sir Zachariah is one of Unser Hafen's Own. He is a second generation SCA member and lived in Unser Hafen back in the day. He is one of our Stonemasons and also received the Golden Ring and a Keeper of the Portcullis. Countess Mariana was Queen of Atenveldt in 2005. When they moved back to Outlands, Her Highness has thrown herself whole heartedly into helping the Kingdom in running several Charity Events for the Kingdom and bake sales to support the travel Fund for the Crown. Congratulations to them on their win.

We would also like to congratulate MASTER Soren for his elevation to the order of the Pelican. It is a well-deserved award for his long service in supporting the Barony and the Kingdom. We have two more peerages coming up for Our residents. Lady Anne Elizabeth Morley will be elevated to the Order of the Laurel, and Don Andreas will soon become a Master of Defense. Both of those ceremonies will be held at Twelfth Night down in the Barony of Caerthe. Show up if you can to support these two gentles as they enter the peerage.

If you missed Crown, you also missed the delightful theatrical poem presented by Her Ladyship Caírech supported by the members of Bears Gate. This led to her winning the position of Windhover Bard for the Kingdom. Ask her to show you her beautiful cloak.

Although the Barony did not have any members fight for Crown, Lord Roland was asked to fight one of the byes. And Lord Primus received a Thegn Coin from the Order of the Iron Hart for his Prowess.

The Crown has decided to extend the period for Letters of Intent for the Baron and Baroness position until Coronation on January 18 to give people a little more time. Polling will be held after that.

We are all looking forward to Newcomers. Please come out for frolicsome frivolity. If you can, come out early to help set up and/or stay late to pack up. We will need as many hands as we can get.

Freana and Richenda
Baron and Baroness of Unser Hafen

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# Seneschal's Sentiments

Greetings Unser Hafen!

Crown Tournament is past. Hazzah to the New Crown Prince and Princess, Zachariah de Kane and Mariana Vivia de Santiago!!

Also, congratulations to Sir Ronan Mac Conaill, the new Warlord and Don Jorundr, the new Princess Protector!

It was my honor to witness the elevation of THL Soren Thorvaldsson to the Order of the Pelican. Congratulations to Master Soren!

Newcomers promises to be a delightful array of classes, music and food. Come, be welcome to our Barony and the SCA! Make new friends! Volunteering is another way to meet people. Every event is an opportunity to help and learn.

I want to give you all a reminder that the Barony is still looking for a Baronial Chatelaine and Baronial Quartermaster. If you're interested, information about these positions is available on the Unser Hafen website in the "Call for Officers". Please consider volunteering for one of these positions. If you only want to dip your toe into the pool, many of us are looking for Deputies!

Earl Mika Longbow is our new Captain of Archers. His contact information on our website will be updated soon.

I would also like to remind everyone that Stag's Con will be happening in Pueblo, CO on November 16th. This will be a great day of networking, training and learning more about any office in the SCA. Whether you're an officer now or interested in being an officer in the future, this is the place to be.

Our neighbors to the north will be celebrating their 40th Anniversary at Yule Feast. Let's join the celebration with the Shire of Windkeep on December 7th.

For more information on any of these events, details are available on the Outlands and Unser Hafen calendars.

Until later, I remain yours in service,

Meadhbh

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Greetings, Unser Hafen!

I am still looking for a deputy/someone to take over for me when I step down! You don't need to know everything about everything: there are plenty of good people both inside and outside of the Outlands that I can refer you to for help covering the things you're not good at, all I ask is that my successor have an appetite for learning new things. I am happy to sit down with anyone even peripherally interested at a time of mutual convenience, either in-person or online.

Also, I will be holding a heraldic consultation table at Newcomers! If you know of any new people who need names or armory, or might be interested in talking to me about heraldry inside or outside of the SCA, please encourage them to come by!

-- Andreas

PS: If you missed the announcement last night, my office hours have moved to the *second* Thursday of every month. Same time, same place: Grimm Brothers Brewery in Loveland, 6:00-9:00 pm.

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# Scribal Notes

November's Scribal Night will be on the third Monday, November 18th. We will be having an open project night! Doesn't have to be Scribal - bring any Arts & Sciences related things you are working on, or just your enthusiasm and questions.

As always, dinner will be available at 6pm and project space/class time at 6:30 pm. If you would like to partake of dinner and have any food restrictions or allergies, please let Regalis know so she can plan accordingly. Or if you would like to provide dinner, volunteers are always appreciated!

can contact her at scribe@unserhafen.org, via the Book of Faces or Discord, or at any local event.

If there is a topic you would love to see covered at future Scribal Nights, please do not hesitate to share! Please email scribe@unserhafen.org with your ideas!

Yours in Service,
Regalis dei Falchi and Galen FitzThomas,
Your Friendly Neighborhood Scribal Team

Scribal Night is held on the 3rd Monday of the Month at the home of Regalis dei Falchi, 5318 Ravenswood Lane, Johnstown CO.

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# Fighter Practice

**And A&S Gathering**
**Is moving indoors on November 3rd!**

Sundays
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
CSU Glenn Morris Fieldhouse
901 S College Ave, Fort Collins

Map

**See you at the Fieldhouse!**

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# Medieval Night

## Gryphon Games and Comics

First Monday of every month

Fort Collins, CO 80526
map
Free Admission

Join us the first Monday of each month for dancing,
garb making, arts and crafts,and general merriment.

Garb is encouraged but not required.

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# White Rose Inn

On the 2nd Wednesday of every month, the White Rose Inn will open for an evening of warmth and hospitality in Unser Hafen. If you are interested in medieval food, there will be a short talk and things to taste test. Bring along and share your own culinary experiments if you want. Not into cooking? Come test what others have made. Or just come and hang out and share your scintillating conversation. Don't live in Unser Hafen? You are welcome as well.

Come Taste, Test, And Talk.

No SCA garb is required, and you are welcome to bring along food if you didn't have time for dinner.
The Inn will rotate between Fort Collins, Loveland and Greeley.

**Wednesday November 13, 2024**
The Inn will be at the home of Baroness Richenda and Baron Freana
1232 Lawrence Dr. in Fort Collins map
Phone (913) 219-3808
Subject: Brewing with Master Soren

**Wednesday December 11, 2024**
The Inn will be at the home of Baroness Hélène Boudin
2114 42nd Avenue in Greeley map
Phone (970) 590-7602
Subject: Holiday Potluck

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# Call for Submissions

**Anyone can write for the Gatekeeper!**

**Do you have an article or story that you would like to share with the populace? Send it to chronicler@unserhafen.org and it will be reviewed for inclusion in the Gatekeeper.**

**Do you have something to share with the populace concerning an event or activity that you normally post to Facebook? Please forward that information to webminister@unserhafen.org and chronicler@unserhafen.org as well so that it can be posted using all of our communication.**

**Submissions are due by the 27th of the month (expect February, when it is the 24th,) but are accepted at any time.**

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# Volunteer Opportunities

Get to really know your fellow gentles. Participate instead of just attend. Don't just live the dream. Be one of the ones who make the dream a reality.

Why do we help? Because we care. Because we love the game. Because we know we belong and so do you.

We are the doers, we are the makers, we bear the spirit of the Pelican. And so can you!

Build your renown, your competence, skills, confidence and make more friends who have the same chivalrous and generous heart as you.

Volunteer opportunities range from Event Stewards, Officers and Deputies, PayPal Check-ins, Event Cooks and staff. There are even some openings in the Media Team.

How do you want to join the team? Let us know! There's room at the table for you too!

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# Baronial Goings On

**Armoured and Fencing Practice/ A&S Gathering**
Sundays,2:00 p.m - 5:00 PM
See Fighter Practice section above for location.
We welcome any and all Arts & Sciences activities, and general SCA socializing!
Updates can be found on the Book of Faces.
Garb is encouraged

**Archery Practice**
Summer archery practice is on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 10 am to 12 noon at Windsor Archery Range at HWY 257 & Poudre Trail Road.
Map

Note: We may start a few minutes late to allow everyone to clear out of private events before opening.

**Barbican Office Hours**
When: The second Thursday of November the 12th.
Where: Grimm Brothers Brewhouse, 815 14th St SW B100, Loveland, CO 80537
What: Unser Hafen's Herald, Barbican Pursuivant, hosts monthly in-person office hours for anyone interested in any aspect of heraldry to come and speak to him. Interested in researching or submitting your name or heraldry? Want to learn more about heraldic display or what heralds did in period? Want to learn more about what heralds do in the SCA or how the College of Arms works? Interested in becoming a herald? Already a herald and want to practice your conflict-checking, name documentation skills, or OSCAR commentary skills? All

changes to the schedule

**Calligraphy &/or Illumination**
Contact: Regalis dei Falchi
Email:scribe@unserhafen.org

**Scribal Night**
Every 3rd Monday at 6:30PM at the home of Lady Regalis dei Falchi, 5318 Ravenswood Lane, Johnstown, CO, (map) or virtually - check the Book of Faces for links to the meetings.

For more information contact scribe@unserhafen.org.

**Equestrian Practice**
Fourth Sunday of every month.
Contact: Lady Cecelia O'Connor
970-420-6652

## Going on in Sterling

**Medieval Night**
First Saturday of the month at 6:00pm.
High Plains Dice and Games 1
00 Broadway Street Suite 12
Sterling, CO 80752

**Archery Practice**
First Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm.
North Sterling State Park Range
24005 Co Rd 330
Sterling, CO 80751
For more details, contact Shelbybrandes1@gmail.com or Alan.e.brandes@gmail.com.

Visit the Website for more info, directions and any changes to the schedule for any of these activities. .

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# Our Barony is Growing

A warm welcome to the sterling folk of Sterling, Colorado, two hours' drive from Fort Collins, yet still within our sizable Barony. They have already agreed on a household name (House of the Grey Ghost, after the Harrier hawks in the area) and device, and are working on getting them registered.

The group was founded by Alain du Chateau and Isabeau du Chateau (mka Alan and Shelby Brandes) who own a tabletop gaming store in Sterling, and found that many of their customers are interested in medieval recreation. They have a Medieval Night on the first Saturday of each month. November's Medieval Night will be on fibre arts, "from sheep to shawl" Tools with be available for use, and materials will be provided for no charge.. Archery practice is the first Tuesday of each month at the Reservoir Archery Range.

For more details, contact Shelby at Shelbybrandes1@gmail.com or Alain at Alan.e.brandes@gmail.com.

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# Disclaimer

Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to try to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.

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# Upcoming Events

### Newcomers

Event includes classes, tournaments, and a Subtlety  competition.
November 9th
Johnstown YMCA
165 Settler Way, Johnstown, CO 80534
Event Site

### Stag's Con

A day of classes for volunteers.
November 16th
First United Methodist Church of Pueblo
310 W 11th Street
Pueblo, CO 81003
Event Website

### Windkeep 40th Anniversary and Yule Fest

Saturday, December 7, 2024
Opens 1:00 pm Closes 9:00 pm
David Romero Park
1317 Parsley Blvd,
Cheyenne, WY 82007

Saturday, December 14th, 2024
LifeSpring Covenant Church
753 S Dotsero Drive
Loveland, CO 80537
Event Site

### Twelfth Night

**Crossroads of Constantinople**
Saturday, January 4th, 2025
Come celebrate Twelfth Night with our neighors to the south and see two of our own get elevated!
Waymire Dome
Adams County Fair Grounds
9755 Henderson Road
Brighton, Colorado
Event Site

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Check the Unser Hafen website or The Book of Faces for additional upcoming events and locations.

# Virtual Populace Meeting

***Wednesday, November 20th, 2024 at 6:30 pm.***

Join with Google Meet: meet.google.com/fbz-auqx-iqi
Join by phone: +1 929-282-1162 PIN: 667 226 830#

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# Kingdom Calendar

**Please visit**
https://www.outlands.org/events

# Court of Unser Hafen

His Excellency
**Baron Freana Geardson**
baron@unserhafen.org

Her Excellency
**Baroness Richenda de la Selva**
baroness@unserhafen.org

**Court Herald -** Sir Felix Sniumi
**Defender -** Lord Primus
**Protector -** Don Andreas
**Warden -** Alain du Chateau
**Equerry -** Mistress Llamnei
**Arts & Sciences Champion -** Lady Regalis dei Falchi
**Pencerdd Bard** - Lord Vagn Egilsson
**Barbican Persuivant** - Don Andreas von Meißen
**Head of Household -** Lady Euphemia de Argyll

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# Call for Letters of Intent

# Baron and Baroness

**The Crown has proclaimed the call for Letters of Intent for the next Baron and/or Baroness of Unser Hafen!**

**In your letter please include:**

- A brief introduction to yourself, including your experience within the SCA and those skills you possess which make you a good candidate.
- What are your goals and activities you hope to do as Baron and/or Baroness.

Polling for the next Baron and Baroness of Unser Hafen will be held at Newcomers, November 9th.

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# Officers & Deputies

### Barbican Pursuivant (Unser Hafen Baronial Herald)

Here be proclaimed the call for Letters of Intent for the Office of Barbican Pursuivant (Unser Hafen Baronial Herald)! Are you interested in helping people research and register their names and heraldry? Would you like to learn how to run courts or announce the fighters at tournaments? Are you eager to learn about the history of heraldry? You will receive on-the-job training prior to taking over as Barbican Pursuivant as Andreas transitions to his new role as Palmer Herald, deputy to White Stag Principal Herald.

### Quartermaster and Chatelaine/ Gold Key

Call for Volunteers to become Officers for the Barony of Unser Hafen. The following Baronial Officers have indicated that they wish to step down. Please consider submitting a letter of intent for these positions.

**Quartermaster**: Maintains and tracks equipment and assists Event Stewards with access to the storage unit.
**Chatelaine/ Gold Key**: Public Relations and Welcome Coordinator. Provides and maintains loaner garb for newcomers.

### For All Officer Positions

In your letter please include:

- A brief introduction to yourself, including your experience within the SCA and those skills you possess which make you a good candidate.
- Confirmation that you are indeed interested and desirous of the position.
- Optionally, you can provide a listing of awards you have received.
- Your modern name
- Your society/ SCA name.
- Your postal address.
- Your telephone number.
- Your email address.
- A copy of your membership card or membership number.

Please send your letter to the following:

- The Unser Hafen Seneschal, Baroness Meadhbh Daingen int Slébh, via seneschal@unserhafen.org
- The Unser Hafen Baron and Baroness, Freana and Richenda, via baronage@unserhafen.org

Thank you for volunteering to help run our Barony!

More information can be found at: https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/call-for-officers

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# Baronial Officers

**Seneschal:**
President
Baroness Meadhbh Daingen Int Slebhe
seneschal@unserhafen.org

**Chancellor of the Exchequer:**
**Treasurer**
Mistress Ursula d\'Arcy
exchequer@unserhafen.org

**Barbican Pursuivant Herald:**
Assists members with names and devices
Don Andreas von Meißen
(Andrew R. Mizener, Ph.D)
herald@unserhafen.org

**Scribe:**
Creates award scrolls
Lady Regalis dei Falchi
[Lord Galen FitzThomas}]
scribe@unserhafen.o

**Minister of Arts and Sciences:**
Development of Arts and Sciences
Countess Kitta Ragnvaldsdottir
aands@unserhafen.org

**Chronicler:**

**Knight Marshal:**
Martial Arts Coordinator
Sir Uchtred Leifsson
knightmarshal@unserhafen.org

**Captain of Archers:**
Archery Coordinator
Lord Roland Colby
archery@unserhafen.org

**Marshal of Fence:**
Fencing Coordinator
Don Martin de Cuniga
[Maksym Wilozynski]
fence@unserhafen.org

**Equestrian:**
Coordinates the organization and safety of equestrian activities.
Lady Cecelia O'Connor
equestrian@unserhafen.org

**Chatelaine/ Gold Key:**
Public Relations and Welcome Coordinator
Proviides loaner garb for newcomers.
Position is open. See Call for Letters
Deputy: Lady Caírech Liath ingen

chronicler@unserhafen.org

**Web Administrators**
Maintains the website
Laurel M. & Valerie F.
webministerl@unserhafen.org

**Social Media Officer**
Manages social media accounts such as Facebook
Lady Dagny Innaldi
socialmedia@unserhafen.org

**Quartermaster:**
Coordinates storage, upkeep, and transportation of Baronial property
Looking for a replacement See Call for Letters
Lord Galen FitzThomas
quartermaster@unserhafen.org

{Deputies are listed in brackets.}

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# Awards and Recognitions

## Hype your friends!

If it takes work, there's probably an award for it.
Information on how and why to recommend someone for an award and instructions on how to do so is available on the website.
A list of Baronial Awards can be found here.
A list of Kingdom Awards, and awards available from other groups, is available here.

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Wimble Herald

- http://wimble.outlandsheralds.org/index.php

Map to Medieval Night at Gryphon Games and Comics:

- https://www.google.com/maps/place/Gryphon+Games+and+Comics/@40.5518711,-105.0970032,18.33z/data=!4m6!3m5!1s0x87694b0722773bc9:0xfa91cd56d0a6fbe2!8m2!3d40.5517128!4d-105.0974072!16s%2Fg%2F1hc34g714?hl=en&authuser=0

Barony of Unser Hafen website:

- https://unserhafen.org

Barony of Unser Hafen Facebook page:

Armoured and Fencing Website:

- https://unserhafen.org/rapier-heavy-summer
- Map for Edora Park: https://www.google.com/maps/@40.5648628,-105.0512051,283m/data=!3m1!1e3?entry=ttu

Archery Website:

- https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/archery-summer

Kingdom Calendar:

- https://www.outlands.org/events

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